

# Personal Protective Equipment and Room Turnover Guidelines for Surgical Care – COVID 19

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## Personal Protective Equipment and Room Turnover Guidelines for Surgical and Procedural Care – COVID 19

KEY: STD=Standard attire including eye protection. Respirator added during AGP for unknown COVID status  
 FBP= Full Barrier Precautions  
 E = Extended Room Turnover, 15 minutes after extubation  
 Convalescent = Patient is no longer infectious as determined by Infection Prevention.

| Scheduling Status  | COVID Test Result                                    | Pre-Op  | Surgical Suite |               | PACU  |
|--|--|---|----------------|---------------|---|
|  |  |   | PPE            | Room Turnover |   |
| <b>Any</b> operation involving oropharynx, trachea, bronchus, lung (including bronchoscopy)  | Negative/Convalescent                                | STD   | STD            | Standard      | STD   |
|  | Positive or Unknown                                  | Cancel surgery unless high risk of clinical deterioration without surgery |                |               |   |
| <b>Essential case</b><br><br>Non-urgent, Non-emergent  | Negative/Convalescent                                | STD   | STD            | Standard      | STD   |
|  | Positive/High suspicion                              | Cancel Surgery  |                |               |   |
|  | Unknown– receiving general anesthesia                | Cancel Surgery  |                |               |   |
|  | Unknown– receiving conscious sedation or no sedation | Isolation room or available private room and utilize standard precautions | STD            | Standard      | Isolation room or available private room and utilize standard precautions |
| <b>Urgent Case</b><br><br>Surgeon / Interventionalist and Anesthesiologist (if applicable) determine surgery needs to be performed urgently regardless of COVID-19 test result / status. | Negative/Convalescent                                | STD   | STD            | Standard      | STD   |
|  | Positive/ High Suspicion/ Unknown                    | Do not utilize PIR/PACU, move patient directly to OR in FBP               | FBP            | E             | Utilize isolation room  |
| <b>Emergent Case</b><br><br>Immediate threat to life (ex: ruptured ectopic pregnancy, aortic dissection, trauma now)   | Unknown  | NA  | FBP            | E             | Utilize isolation room  |



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**Revision History**

This document is active and further recommendations are forthcoming. It will be updated as additions develop.

| Revision | Description of Changes   | Approvals                          | Date             |
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